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NEW DENTAL HYGIENISTS



Caron Shipley

The KDHE Office of Oral Health, hired two part-time dental hygienists on Sept. 8 as professional outreach coordinators. Caron Shipley, RDH, BSDH, and Maggie Smet, RDH, will be working to promote fluoride varnish applications and training to doctors, local health departments, clinics, ARNPs, and other Medicaid providers. Their role will provide early childhood education, technical and billing assistance, and follow-up to providers.

Caron earned degrees from the University of Minnesota, Duluth; University of Missouri, Kansas City; and attended Johnson County Community College, Overland Park. She has spent 27 years in private practice working for a general practitioner and an orthodontist. Caron and her husband have four children ages 24 to 17.

Maggie graduated from Wichita State University in 1990 and has worked for both a general dentist and an oral surgeon. She is an adjunct clinical faculty in the dental hygiene department at Wichita State University. Maggie and her husband have two daughters, ages 8 and 7.

Both hygienists are very devoted and each have volunteered for various causes, including; Leukemia Society of America, American Cancer Society, school dental screenings, Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM), oral health educational programs for long term care facilities and providing dental hygiene services to Health Ministries Clinic in Newton. Caron and Maggie are excited about their program and are ready to be a resource for Medicaid medical providers on oral health.

Schedule a time for these hygienists to make a site visit at your agency. Contact Caron Shipley at 913-755-1322 or cshipley@kdhe.state.ks.us, and Maggie Smet at 316-833-6383 or msmet@kdhe.state.ks.us.



Maggie Smet

NEW TOBACCO USE PREVENTION OUTREACH COORDINATOR



Jenna Hunter received her bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies (International Health) from Beloit College in Wisconsin, and her masters of public health in health behavior health education from the University of Michigan. While at the University of Michigan, Jenna focused on community-based public health, community-based participatory research, program planning, and working with diverse ethnic communities. As a public health intern for the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn, MI, Jenna implemented health programming for youth and contributed to the development of a collaborative program to address arghile (waterpipe) use in the Arab community of greater Detroit. Jenna also facilitated a tobacco cessation course for at-risk youth, served as the community service chair for the Health Behavior Health Education Student Association and worked as an internship coordinator for the University of Michigan's Office of Community-Based Public Health. Jenna now serves as the outreach coordinator for Northeast Kansas where she provides technical assistance to communities funded through KDHE's TUPP Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grants. Jenna is especially excited about the clean indoor air initiatives occurring in her region and looks forward to working closely with the communities of northeastern Kansas to address tobacco use. Originally from Winfield, Jenna is happy to have the opportunity to live in a new region of the state and to be a part of the public health workforce in Kansas.

NEW MEDIA AND POLICY COORDINATOR

Ginger Park is the new media and policy coordinator for KDHE's Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP). Her responsibilities include editing and producing promotional materials, providing public education technical assistance to communities funded through TUPP Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grants, responding to media inquiries, and preparing information for the legislature on tobacco-related issues.



Ginger holds a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Washburn University and a master's degree in mass communications from Kansas State University. She has more than 10 years of experience in public relations in the Topeka area. Immediately prior to accepting the KDHE position, Ginger worked as the marketing coordinator for Kansas.gov, the official State Web site. She has also worked for Kansas State University, Kansas Department of Human Resources (now Department of Labor) and Kansas Blood Services (the Topeka Community Blood Center).

Ginger is a member of the Topeka chapter of the Association for Women in Communications and has been a big sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Topeka for the past 10 years. She lives in Topeka with her husband and two dogs.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE

The annual fall conference of the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) was held on Sept. 26 - 28 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Conference partners were Tobacco Free Kansas, the University of Kansas MPH Program and the Kansas Health Foundation. The conference theme was "Speaking a Common Language" the New Voice of Public Health." More than 300 participants attended the conference this year. There were more than 30 exhibitors to visit during break periods.

The keynote address was made by Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Health Director. The multiple breakout sessions provided an opportunity to learn valuable information on public health at the national, state and local level. The evening dinner was held at the Kansas History Museum and the keynote speaker was Dr. Patricia Mail, president of the American Public Health Association (APHA). Mail spoke on "Public Health for the 21st Century: Advocacy, Affiliation, and Affirmation!"

The 2006 KPHA award winners were: Samuel J. Crumrine Medal: *Phil Griffin*; Dorothy Woodin Award: *Debby Sullivan*; Jane Addams Award: *Marcie Chapman*; Virginia Lockhart Award: *Carolyn Gaughn*; Corporate Award: *KU Physicians, Inc.*; Special Service Award: *David Cook* and *Allison Koonce*; and the President's Award: *Carol Borger*.



Over 30 Exhibitors at
KPHA Fall
Conference



Over 300 attended the
KPHA Fall Conference





A good time was had by all at the
KPHA Fall Conference



KPHA Award
Winners



Phil Griffin
received the
Samuel J Crumbine Medal



Eldonna Chesnut accepting the Dorothy
Woodin Award for Debby Sullivan



Marcie Chapman
Jane Addams Award

KPHA Award Winners



Allison Koonce
Special Service Award

ANNOUNCING NEW OFFICE

KDHE's Division of Health, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics announces a reconfiguration of its health data and statistical office. Effective October 9, KDHE Office of Health Care Information will become the *Office of Health Assessment*.

For 13 years, the Office of Health Care Information (OHCI) focused on disseminating health information acquired from vital events records, health professions and hospital discharge data and created an Internet query site called Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) to improve access to health data and information. In addition, OHCI provided data collection, standardization and reporting processes for the Kansas Insurance Information System and the Health Care Data Governing Board.

The new *Office of Health Assessment* will expand its efforts in health data analysis and dissemination for policy makers, program managers and the public by improving data linkage opportunities within confidentiality guidelines, expanding the publication of health data relevant to Kansas, and increasing capacity for geographic displays of health data.

A NOTE FROM TINY TEETH

by Rebecca Scott

Rebecca Scott holds a Master of Arts Degree from Upper Iowa University and a Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University. Rebecca is self-employed as a grant writer, researcher and administrator. She is an ambassador to the Kansas Health Foundation and part of the Oral Health Kansa, Dental Champions.

Rebecca became involved in a community program Cowley County Tiny Teeth, funded by a grant to the Legacy Foundation from the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund. Tiny Teeth's goal was to decrease the number of small children with severe tooth decay. They accomplished this goal through partnerships with organizations interactively educating parents of small children. Cowley County has made valiant efforts to provide a consistent oral health message to parents. Cowley County continues to address oral health of small children through a coalition, "Keeping Cowley Kids Cavity Free."

Rebecca became engaged in a community project, Tiny Teeth, after her local dentist showed pictures of children, some as young as 19 months, whose tooth decay was so severe it required hospitalization. Apparently it used to be a rarity to see young children with severe decay and now it happens all the time.

So what changed? That is always the question people ask when shown pictures of young children whose mouths are abscessed and decayed. One of the things Rebecca remembers when she was a child she had one soda a week, usually on Friday nights when we watched Dukes of Hazzard.



As stated in studies and news articles about obesity, Americans are increasing their intake of sugary drinks like soda pop and fruit juice. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends only 4 to 6 oz. of juice per day for children age one to six.

Until Rebecca started working with Tiny Teeth, her young children had sippy cups. The no-spill valves are awesome—no stains on my carpet. *"Sippy Cups should come with warning labels"* Rebecca kept hearing from speech pathologists, doctors and dentists. Why are all these health professionals against these cups?



Did you know a sippy cup with the no-spill valve is the same as a bottle? The reverse pressure seal requires a child to "suck" on the cup, the same action as with a bottle. Frequent use of sippy cups over time can lead to malformation of the mouth and speech problems. Speech pathologists recommend using a short straw for proper mouth formation. Straws are an excellent way to exercise the mouth muscles. Rebecca often uses free plastic cups with lids for her kids and fills them halfway, no spills on her carpet!

What you give your children to drink and how often is also important. Did you know in an 8 oz. serving of Sunny Delight there are over six teaspoons of sugar? Rebecca states she was giving her son milk and Ovaltine in the morning before breakfast. He would quickly suck down 2 cups and then would not want anything to do with breakfast. In an 8 oz. serving of milk and Ovaltine there are almost seven teaspoons of sugar! No wonder he didn't want to eat his breakfast.



Because her son "needed" his milk and Ovaltine she tried the suggestion of oral health professionals. Make the sugary drink part of a meal or snack. Here's why: during mealtime the saliva production is increased and naturally rinses the mouth. Rebecca's son protested mildly, but accepted that he could still have his milk and Ovaltine with breakfast. The funny thing is, he started eating his breakfast and drinking less milk and Ovaltine.

Letting children have continuous drinks of a liquid other than water is hard on teeth. It takes 20 minutes for a mouth to neutralize after eating/drinking something sugary or starchy. Imagine if every 15 minutes a child drinks some Sunny Delight while watching Sesame Street. Their mouth never neutralizes and the acid causing decay is continually being produced in their mouth.

Another consideration with drinks is pH. A pH close to 1.0 is very acidic. A pH of 7.0, like water, is neutral. Battery Acid has a pH of one and Coke has a pH of 2.37. Diet Coke (ok, the sugar is gone but...) has a pH of 2.8. People actually pour Coke on their car batteries to eat away corrosion. Imagine what that does to someone's teeth!

More information regarding sugar, juice and sippy cups is available through a colorful brochure provided by Tiny Teeth and Legacy, A Regional Community Foundation. Many health departments, early childhood agencies, and churches are using this brochure to convey a message to parents. Legacy will be happy to mail your organization a sample brochure if you request one. The brochure is economically priced and available in English and Spanish. For more information, or to request a brochure, email Tiny Teeth at tinyteeth713@yahoo.com you can contact Legacy at 620-442-1322.

THE CULTURAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

by Cathy Anderson, JVS



How do we more effectively communicate with Spanish-speaking parents? How do we involve Somali parents in our program? How do we communicate with a group of Somali Bantu refugees who are not literate in their own language? These were some of the issues Project EAGLE of Kansas City, Kansas faced when they teamed up with Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in late 2005. JVS offers an innovative program to provide cultural competency assessments to non-profit and social services agencies within specific regions of Kansas through a grant (2005-06) from the Sunflower Foundation of Kansas.

A cultural competency assessment is an overview of an organization's capacity to serve the region's new immigrants and refugees, often called the limited English proficient (LEP) population. The assessment describes the strengths of the organization in terms of its knowledge of the LEP population and its approaches to communicating with individuals and communities to better serve them. The three C's of cultural competency are stressed: communication, collaboration and coordination. The cultural competency assessment is offered by Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in partnership with the organization's

staff, constituency, and/or board of directors. JVS also emphasizes understanding the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title VI, that prohibits discrimination based on national origin, by the extension, foreign language use. However, the project is participatory by design so that organizations have the opportunity to brainstorm solutions and approaches to reaching out to new immigrant and refugee communities resettling in the state. JVS designed the project to advance earlier efforts in cultural competency training that it has been offering on a regional basis through KDHE.



Project EAGLE of Kansas City, Kansas was one of the most successful participants in the first year of the project. Over six months the organization's cultural competency committee developed with JVS a series of four cultural competency trainings that included not only specific information about new cultures, but also encouraged staff to identify problem areas and work together on resolving them. One major concern was how to make sure Spanish-speaking parents who participate in the organization's policy council were able to receive good interpreting in a way that included their questions and input. Another concern was how to reach new Somali families. By the end of April, Project EAGLE had come up with a framework for providing interpretive services to Spanish-speaking parents attending the policy council. Project EAGLE also hired a part-time Somali interpreter to better serve Somali families. Project EAGLE has further refined its LEP policies to include the needs of pre-literate communities who respond to oral assistance rather than written texts. Currently, all Somali families are assisted by one family support advocate. In the future, the organization plans to expand the number of Somali families that can be served.

Jennifer Adhima, Project EAGLE staff development coordinator, described the organization's efforts. "Project EAGLE is continually changing and evolving as we work to provide the best services we can to meet the community needs of children and families."

For more information on cultural competency assessments, please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS: canders@jvskc.org or 816-471-2808.

APHA LAUNCHES GET READY CAMPAIGN TO HELP AMERICANS PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR FLU PANDEMIC



The American Public Health Association (APHA) launched the Get Ready campaign to help the public prepare for a potential influenza pandemic and outbreaks of other emerging infectious diseases.

Unlike existing efforts to prepare the nation for a pandemic, APHA's campaign will speak directly to individuals, families and communities and help fill gaps by telling people exactly what they need to prepare themselves. The campaign includes a blog, fact sheets and podcasts, accessible through the Get Ready Web site at www.getreadyforflu.org.

"With the increasing threat of a flu pandemic, the general public must be equipped with the necessary resources to protect themselves," said Georges C. Benjamin MD, FACP, executive director of APHA. "Unlike many other efforts using technical language and lengthy articles, APHA's Get Ready campaign will provide straightforward information and tools that are crafted for and relevant to all Americans."

The Get Ready for Flu blog, at www.getreadyforflu.blogspot.com, provides readers with background information on avian and pandemic influenza and practical advice on how to prepare themselves, their families and their communities. The blog also provides a discussion forum that addresses emerging issues and allows visitors to share comments and knowledge with others. Current posts include information about the H5N1 strain, food safety, school preparedness and prevention tips.



In addition to the blog, a new series of podcasts featuring public health experts discusses the need for preparedness and the increasing threat of pandemic flu. Future podcasts will cover topics such as: pandemic flu basics; the impact of pandemic flu on certain communities; safe cooking procedures; and lessons learned from the Spanish flu from 1918 to 1919.

"The Get Ready campaign will draw on the expertise of APHA members to educate the public and give Americans the important information they need to get prepared," said Patricia Mail, PhD, MPH, CHES, president of APHA. "It fills a critical gap in our nation's preparedness efforts."

APHA's Get Ready campaign is part of the association's larger "Protect, Prevent, Live Well" movement that will enable Americans to protect themselves, their families and their communities from preventable, serious health threats. Long-term plans for the Get Ready campaign, which is seeking funding, include grassroots activities, toolkits, community partnerships, preparedness surveys, and a calculator that will help people determine what supplies they will need to prepare for pandemic flu and other emerging infectious diseases.

Founded in 1872, the APHA is the oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world. The association aims to protect all Americans and their communities from preventable, serious health threats and strives to assure community-based health promotion and disease prevention activities and preventive health services are universally accessible in the United States. APHA represents a broad array of health providers, educators, environmentalists, policy-makers and health officials at all levels working both within and outside governmental organizations and educational institutions. More information is available at www.apha.org.

KDHE RECEIVES HUD GRANT FOR LEAD HAZARD CONTROL WORK



For the past three years, KDHE's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP), in conjunction with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has been working to remediate lead hazards in homes in Wyandotte County. In Spring 2006, the CLPPP's HUD program, Project Lead Safe KCK (PLSKCK), applied for another three-year grant through HUD's Lead Hazard Control Program.

Lead Safe was recently awarded a new grant from HUD to continue work in Wyandotte County. Thanks to additional funding, KDHE will be able to continue PLSKCK's lead hazard remediation work in pre-1978 housing for residents of Wyandotte County. Currently, PLSKCK has completed lead hazard remediation in more than 250 homes and rental properties in Wyandotte County. The lead hazard remediation work included: removal and replacement of windows and doors, repainting of both interior and exterior surfaces of a home, and in some cases installing vinyl siding to cover the hazard. PLSKCK has also helped increase the number of children being screened for lead over the past three years in Wyandotte County. Since PLSKCK's inception in 2004, the program has helped test for lead in approximately 6,000 children under the age of 6 for lead in their bodies.

With the new funding from HUD, PLSKCK plans to address lead hazards in at least 265 more homes and rental properties in Wyandotte County in the next three years. PLSKCK will also continue to focus its efforts on child blood lead screening to identify and address lead hazard in homes where children with elevated blood lead levels are reside. If you have questions about how to apply for PLSKCK or would like more information, please contact either Cory Lambrecht or Matt Martinek at 913-262-0796.

A HEALTHY SMILE LASTS A LIFETIME



Dental Hygienists Against Heart Diseases observed "National Dental Hygiene Month" in October. This year the focus was on proper oral health care for children and the prevention of early childhood caries.

In observance dental hygienists focused attention on the importance of the dental hygienists' role in educating parents and children on the potential link between oral health and systemic disease, and the importance of establishing good oral health at an early age.

The "2006 National Dental Hygiene Month Fact Sheet" highlights simple techniques that parents can use to help children maintain a healthy smile. By teaching parents and children about proper oral health care at a young age, dental hygienists hopes to reduce the prevalence of early childhood caries, and educate the community about the importance of a healthy smile. To view and download the "2006 National Dental Hygiene Month Fact Sheet" go to www.PreventionSpecialist.com



IMMUNIZATION NURSES JOB OPENINGS



The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking two part-time immunization nurses. The immunization nurse assures an accurate and efficient immunization clinic and disease containment program through appropriate assessment and analysis of client needs for infants, children, adults, seniors, international travelers, refugees and immigrants. The nurse maintains vaccine and supplies and serves as a resource and knowledge base for the community.

This position requires a bachelor's degree in nursing-BSN and must be a registered nurse licensed in Kansas. One year experience in public health, communicable or infectious disease is preferred. Maintaining accountability of vaccine supply by monthly report is required. Incumbent must possess a valid driver's license and must have current license as a registered nurse in Kansas. Possible exposure to bloodborne pathogens daily, restraining children/adolescents appropriately to administer vaccines safely and efficiently in an often noisy, close and warm environment. Educating the public on communicable disease/immunizations; frequently a frustrated, ill, anxious or panicked person. Shift work required-occasionally the first Monday of every month until 7 p.m. in Olathe and off-site clinics at various locations; travel required 10 percent; uniform required-lab coat. In the event of an emergency situation, the nurse would be called upon to serve as a Site Coordinator, oversee vaccine administration or medication distribution, maintaining medical records, staff telephone lines, distribution sites, managing or overseeing many other health professionals (physicians, nurses, pharmacists) and volunteer staff in various locations and being actively involved with follow-up and surveillance. For complete details and to apply on-line, visit <http://hr.jocogov.org>; or fax resume to (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061.

SOUTH CENTRAL METRO REGION PLANNER POSITION VACANCY

The South Central Metro Region planner position is vacant. Interested parties should go to the following link for position details, application and submission.

www.hrepartners.com/jobs/PositionDetail.cfm?JobNum=8856&PartnerCode=SG&LeoFlag=N

PRINCIPLES OF EPIDEMIOLOGY IN PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE



The 3rd Edition is now available of the Principles of Epidemiology in Public Health Practice! This print-based, self-study course provides public health and other health care professionals with basic epidemiology principles, concepts, and procedures used in the surveillance and investigation of health-related events. This valuable resource contains key features and applications of descriptive and analytic epidemiology, an in-depth study of public health surveillance, and a step-by-step description of outbreak investigations. This very popular course also addresses how to calculate and interpret frequency measures (ratios, proportions and rates) and measures of central tendency, and how to use tables, graphs, and charts to organize, summarize, and display data.

Item No. SS-1000 - regular price: \$58.75 plus shipping fees - special price: \$47 plus shipping fees until December 31, 2006. Please call toll free (877) 252-1200 or order online at <http://bookstore.phf.org>.



AIR QUALITY AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD



Workplace Update

Honk! Honk! Stuck in smoggy, congested traffic due to someone's vehicle breaking down? Or, worse yet, your own?

Keeping your car in top running condition not only saves you time and the embarrassment of breakdowns, but also saves you gasoline and money. And, it helps protect air quality!

Poorly maintained vehicles generate far more air pollution than those that are well maintained. They can produce up to 20 percent more volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and 10 percent more nitrous oxides (NOx) — the main ingredients in ground-level ozone. Vehicles in very poor shape may release as much as 100 times more pollution.

Add up your savings while performing these routine steps:

- Keeping tires properly inflated can improve your gas mileage by 3 percent, or about 18 gallons of gas per year for the average driver.
- Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your gas mileage by 10 percent, or about 55 gallons per year. Be sure to check all filters (oil, gas, and air) regularly and make sure they remain in good condition.
- Have regular tune-ups. This will save you an average of 4 percent, or about 23 gallons per year.
- Replacing a worn gas cap can save you 30 gallons per year.
- Check all fluids regularly and change them according to your owner's manual. Simply using the correct weight of oil can save you 1-2 percent, or 9 gallons per year.
- Be sure your mechanic understands modern emission control systems.
- Never ignore a "check engine" or other warning light.

Routine maintenance will make your drive smoother and the roads safer. Keeping your car healthy will help keep the air healthy, too!

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W Second, Hutchinson, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 21 Feb. 28, 2007 May 23, 2007 Aug. 22, 2007 Nov. 21, 2007

North Central Region: Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for meeting locations. Dates are:

Dec. 19 Mar. 27, 2007 June 26, 2007 Sept. 25, 2007

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Dec. 14 Mar. 8, 2007 June 14, 2007 Sept. 13, 2007 Dec. 13, 2007

Northwest Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. Contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, Logan County Health Department, for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Dec. 7 Mar. 8, 2007 June 14, 2007 Sept. 13, 2007 Dec. 13, 2007

South Central Coalition: Meetings are held 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn, Pratt. Contact Mitzi Hesser at 620-723-2136 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 3 Dec. 1 Jan. 5, 2007 Feb. 2, 2007 Mar. 2, 2007

Southeast Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 9 Feb. 8, 2007 May 3, 2007 Aug. 9, 2007 Nov. 8, 2007

Southwest Region: Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N Ninth, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 17 Feb. 16, 2007 May 18, 2007 Aug. 17, 2007 Nov. 16, 2007

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

Bridging the Gap - Medical Interpreter Training



KDHE's, Office of Local and Rural Health, is proud to announce its sixth year of sponsoring "Bridging the Gap" – Medical Interpreter Training. Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients. Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City provides the medical interpreter training. The training sessions and contact information for registration are listed below:

Central Kansas CANCELLED

Newman Regional Health

Nov. 6 – 10 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Flint Hills Classroom (ground floor)

1201 West 12th, Emporia

Northeast Kansas

Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Dec. 13-15 (Conference "A") & 18-19 (Auditorium) 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

325 Maine, Lawrence

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

Apr. 16 - 20, 2007 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1010 N Kansas (Meadowlark Room 1305), Wichita

Southwest Kansas

Area SRS Building

June 4 - 8, 2007 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City



For more information or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124 or email Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at JVS at 816-471-2808 or email bmiller@jvskc.org.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Dates are:

Nov. 2 Feb. 1, 2007 May 3, 2007 Aug. 2, 2007 Nov. 1, 2007

Billing Biddies meets 9 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Dates are:

Dec. 6 Mar. 7, 2007 June 6, 2007 Sept. 5, 2007 Dec. 5, 2007

Billers Anonymous meets 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Dates are:

Nov. 8 Feb. 14, 2007 May 9, 2007 Aug. 8, 2007 Nov. 14, 2007

Mission Impossible Group meets 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Dates are:

Nov. 21 Feb. 22, 2007 May 24, 2007 Aug. 23, 2007 Nov. 29, 2007

KUG's meets from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Satanta District Hospital's education room (in basement). For more information, contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191 mmiller@satantahospital.org.

Billers-R-U's meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm



Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training

November 2006	
11/02/06 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Mass Antibiotic Dispensing VII: (Subtitle TBD) More information will be available at a later date.



KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training: www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator, at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza: www.pandemicflu.gov

Public Health Emergency Training:

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media: Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF

Area Health Education Centers:

Look for AHEC's Web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at www.kdhe.state.ks.us under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore: <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs: www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:
www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html

Risk Communication Courses:

www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html or in Spanish
www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: online RN to BSN:
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage

Washburn PHN Certification Program: www.washburn.edu/sonu or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:
zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: www.RNCE.org

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: www.waldcenter.org

The Public Health Training Network: www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings:
www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: www.cdc.gov/mmwr

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine: www.nlm.nih.gov

CDC BT Training: www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: www.uic.edu/sph/prepare

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:
www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness: www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers: www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm

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